After screening by the State Government authorities, 35 person found to be innocent were released on 18.11.93 of the remaining, there are 2 foreigners who claim to be from POK. Further inquiries are being made about their background, antecedents, and activities. Criminal cases have been registered against the remaining 25 persons and are under investigation. According to information made available by the State Government 21 of these persons were released on bail as per the orders of the competent Court between 27th Nov. and 30 Nov. 93, while the remaining continue to be in custody.

Steps to curb insurgency operation in Manipur

753. SHRI MAHENDER PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that insurgency in Manipur spurted during recent months:

(b) if so, what is the number of persons killed in Naga-Kuki clashes and insurgency operations in Manipur since January, 1993 month-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government since January this year to effectively curb such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Persons killed in Naga-kuki clashes and Insurgency Operations in Manipur, since January 1993, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The State Government of Manipur has been provided additional units of Para-Military Forces/Security Forces. The State Government was advised to place the Para-Military Forces provided to them under the operational control of Army in view of the need for coordinated counter-insurgency operations. The State Government has inter-alia-also been advised to create a mechanism for coordination between different agencies, strengthening of intelligence gathering revamping the District Administration and activitating the State Police Force.

Statement

Persons killed in Naga Kuki Clashes and by insurgent group (NSCN and Meitei Extremist Organisation) in Manipur.

	Naga-Kuki	Meitei Extremists	NSCN
January .	4	10	2
February	..	13	..
March .	2	6	3
April .	39	13	33
May .	10	7	6
June .	8	9	31
July .	1	23	3
August .	49	9	32
September	146	24	1
October .	23	14	6
November	12	9	2

Assurance to ONGC and Oil India to revise crude prices

754. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given an assurance some time back to O.N.G.C. and Oil India to revise crude of prices from time to time taking into account cost and other factors;

(b) if so, what are the other demands of ONGC and Oil India;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the prices of the petroleum products in view of the assurance given to ONGC and Oil India; and

(d) if so, what are the defaults thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The prices of crude oil have been increased from Rs. 1021/MT to Rs. 1506/MT with effect from 16-9-92 on the representation made by ONGC and Oil.

Ignorance by ONGC

755. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that O.N.G.C. had ignored information that the pipeline which ruptured on 17th May, 1993 at Bombay High BHN Complex was steadily decaying;

(b) if so, when the alarming advance information was received;

(c) on what consideration the O.N.G.C. ignored this information;

(d) what was the gross financial loss to O.N.G.C. due to this over-sight; and

(e) whether responsibility was fixed and action initiated in the matter if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) An enquiry had been ordered to go into various aspects of the pipeline leakage including fixation of responsibility for the same. The report of the Enquiry Committee which has since been submitted is presently under the consideration of the Oil & Natural Gas Commission. The loss suffered by ONGC on account of loss of crude oil and expenditure in containing the oil spill is estimated at Rs. 4.32 crores.

तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के पुनर्गठन की जांच करने के लिए समिति का गठन

756. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के पुनर्गठन से संबंधित मामले की जांच करने के लिए एक समिति गठित करने का निर्णय लिया है;

(ख) यदि यहां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के पुनर्गठन से देश में तेल की खोज करने के क्षेत्र में सुधार करने के कार्य में किस सीमा तक मदद मिलेगी;

(घ) क्या सरकार हाइड्रोकार्बन के क्षेत्र में सरकारी क्षेत्र की औद्योगिक इकाइयों को अधिक प्रबंधकीय तथा वित्तीय स्वायत्ता देने की आवश्यकता की जांच करने के लिए एक और समिति नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) और (ख) सरकार ने तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के पुनर्गठन की जरूरत की जांच करने की दृष्टि से इसके वर्तमान संगठन के सभी पहलुओं की जांच करने के लिए श्री पी. के. कौल की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 24.1.1992 को एक समिति का गठन किया था। इस समिति की सिफारिशों की जांच करने के पश्चात् सरकार ने अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग को कंपनी अधिनियम, 1956 के अंतर्गत एक सार्वजनिक लि. कम्पनी में परिवर्तित करने तथा नयी कम्पनी के इक्वीटी आधार का विस्तार करके नयी कम्पनी में सरकार की इक्वीटी को 20 प्रतिशत तक कम करना स्वीकार कर लिया है। नयी कम्पनी तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग लि. को 23.6.1993 को निगमित कर दिया गया है।

(ग) यह निर्णय तेल एवं प्राकृतिक